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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 2, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.